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Presidential Election: Expect No Miracles

The following was excerpted from an address by Tom Wicker of The New York Times, a Richmond County native whose syndicated column appears in newspapers across the country. Wicker delivered the address at the 1987 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations.

The outlook for the 1988 presidential election campaign, I think, is a very open and fluid situation at this point. I feel quite sure that we haven't seen the full cast of characters as yet.

If you went by the polls today, you would think that the contest in November of next year will be between Democrat Gary Hart and Republican Bob Dole. I don't for a moment believe that will be the final line-up. I think there are too many others who're still likely to come into the race.

But let me leave you with this final thought: Whoever the nominees are next year and whoever wins the presidency, there is something we should remember—we, the Ameri-

can voters who will put someone in the White House; we, the workers who will go out and support the candidates of one party or another; we, the journalists who will write about what these people may promise to do or may be able to do—we must be aware that some problems we face are intractable. They cannot be solved by simply waving a wand.

We are not going to change parties in this country, for example, and all of a sudden, have no problems. We are not going to change presidents and find that Soviet-American relations are suddenly good. We are not going to make that kind of change next year and find that our economy has picked up just because we made a change. We aren't going to find that the Japanese sell fewer—and worse—automobiles for more money We are not going to find any of these things.

The next president, whoever he or she may be, is going to face exactly the same problems that we have in the country today.

The next president, whoever he or she may be, may or may not have better ideas, better solutions, better

ability to push those solutions through Congress or greater ability to convince the American people of what the American people need to do.

None of these problems are going to be solved simply by a president's thoughts or ideas or speeches. They are going to be solved primarily by what we, the American people, think about those problems and what we're willing to do.

President Truman used to say that the vaunted powers of the Presidency come down to "persuading the people to do what they ought to do without persuasion." And that's the difficult problem.

In many ways, we are the problem.

So, we all must remember that we are not going to elect a "miracle man" next year. We are going to elect someone who is going to try to lead us. And in that phrase is the heart of the problem because we are the ones who have to be led and we are the ones, ultimately, who have to put our hearts and our minds and our goals and our very best purposes into the problems that face us all.

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Crescent EMC Director Named To NCREA Board

A director of Crescent Electric Membership Corporation, Statesville, has been named to the board of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority by Gov. James Martin.

Henry Gabriel of Rt. 1, Sherrills Ford in Catawba County was appointed to the state agency board to fill the unexpired term of J. Wade Kincaid of Hudson, who resigned for personal reasons.



Gabriel, co-owner and manager of the Western Steer Restaurant on state highway NC 90 in Statesville, will serve on the board until June, 1989.

Gabriel, who has been a director

at Crescent EMC for the past 21 years, has served on boards and committees of the statewide EMC organization.

The state agency, which is part of the N.C. Department of Commerce, reviews loan proposals from electric and telephone cooperatives before they are submitted to the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington. Other members of the five-member board are: Frank James of Rt. 1, Crumpler; Richard H. Greene of Warrenton, a director of Halifax Electric Membership Corporation, Enfield and R. B. Sloan Jr., manager of engineering and operations at Crescent EMC, Statesville. Chairman of the board is John D. (Bobby) Pigg of Tarboro.

Deverick Saluted As "Cooperative Builder"

Barbara Deverick, administrative manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, has received the first "Cooperative Builder Award" from the North Carolina Cooperative Council.

The award, which was presented at the Council's 52nd Annual Meeting in Raleigh, cited Mrs. Deverick for her contributions to her local cooperative, the Co-op Council, national cooperative organizations and for her numerous international achievements on behalf of cooperatives.



Jacob Grigg, president of Mountain Farm Credit Service, Asheville, and outgoing president of the Co-op Council, said Mrs. Deverick "is truly a builder of cooperatives and is most deserving of this honor."

He added: "This award recognizes her unselfish devotion to cooperatives and the cooperative philosophy as the solution to problems faced by people at home and around the world."

Mrs. Deverick has been employed by Blue Ridge EMC for more than 40 years. She has progressed through the organization from the start as accounting clerk to her present position in top management.

Presently serving on the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Council, Barbara Deverick is past president of the National Cooperative Business Association and is a member of the board of the International Cooperative Alliance in Geneva, Switzerland.

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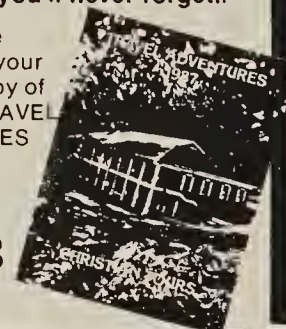
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Pender Hosts 6th Pan Fish Tournament

The Sixth Annual Pan Fish Tournament, the largest tournament of its kind in the nation, is scheduled for May 30 in Pender County, offering cash and prizes valued at about \$12,000.

Prize money and trophies will be awarded in six categories, including a youth division for those ages 16 and under, according to Steve Holland, owner of Holland's Shelter Creek, the site of the tournament.

He said he started the tournament in 1982 to give the average fisherman a chance to complete.

"Most fishermen don't have \$15,000 to \$20,000 for a boat and the big entry fees. I did this tournament for the little fishermen who can use cane poles and rowboats if they want to."

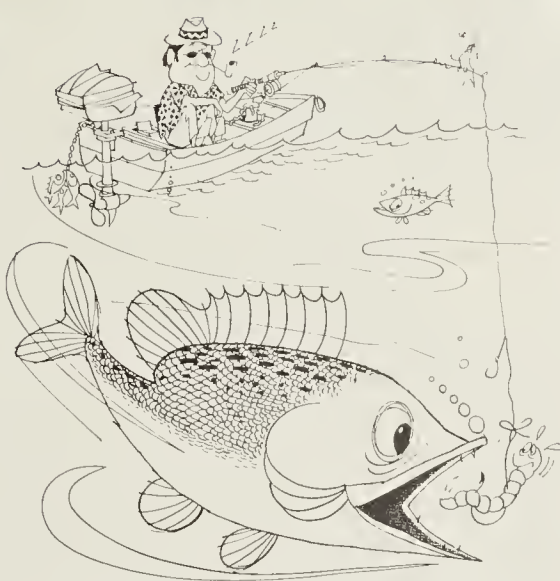
While only 16 people entered the first tournament, last year's participants numbered 481 with 311 boats. Even more are expected this year.

Holland handles most of the details involved in organizing the tournament, including making arrangements for sponsors, but he says he'd never be able to devote so much time to the project without the support of Barry and Gloria Whaley. They help with the store and restaurant as well as with the tournament.

Holland said the event will be geared to families, with children and women being encouraged to compete. A country music band will be featured from 3 to 8 p.m.

The tournament opens at 6 a.m., with all fishermen to report back by 3:30 p.m. for the weigh-in of the day's catch.

Fish qualifying as pan fish include: Black Crappi, Blue Gill (Bluebreem, greyhead), Warmouth (goggle eye), Red Ear Sunfish



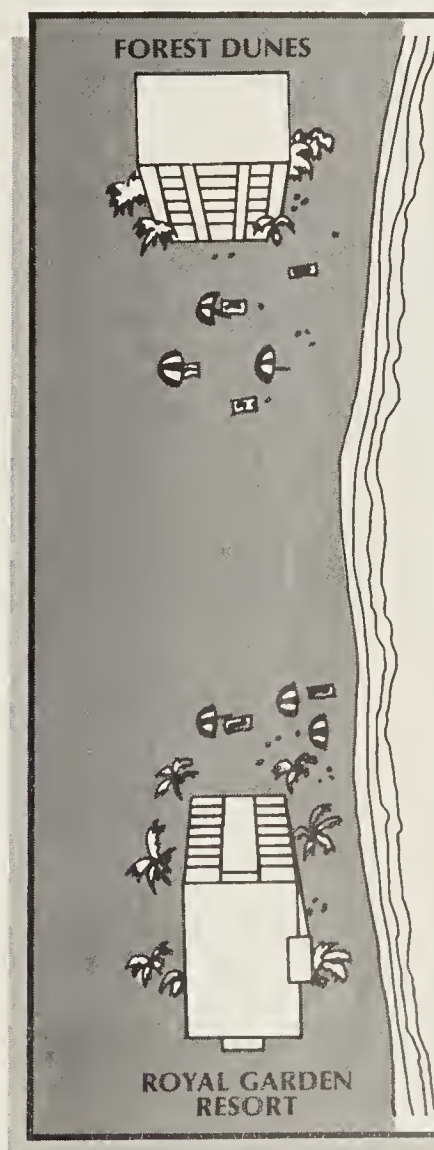
(shellcracker), Pumpkinseed (checker gill, speckled perch), Robin (red belly), Raccoon Perch and Yellow Perch.

A state biologist will be on hand to check all the fish to be sure they are caught on tournament day.

In addition to the prizes for the winners, the event's participants will have a chance to win prizes through drawings for items donated by area sponsors.

Pre-registration will be open May 23-29 and on tournament day. The registration fee is \$10, with \$2 of that going to support the Proud Pender Patriot Band Boosters.

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The awards will be presented in Charlotte in November.

Nominations for the awards will be accepted by the foundation through June 15.

The awards, named for one of the Foundation's original founders—the late Nancy Susan Reynolds—were first presented last fall at a banquet celebrating the 50th anniversary of the general purpose, private foundation. Recognized at that time were Lena Ritter of Onslow County, leader in the fight to preserve Permuda Island in its natural state; Henrietta Williams of Mount Olive, who was cited for years of service on behalf of children and other citizens of her native Wayne County; and Rev. Ronald E. Rice of Winston-Salem, who was the founder of that city's Downtown Church Center and Crisis Control Ministry.

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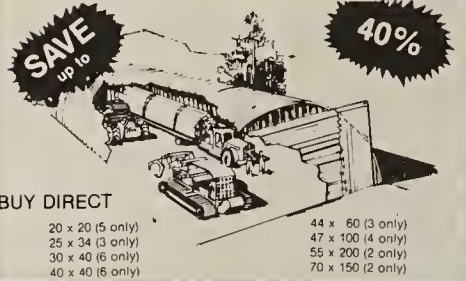
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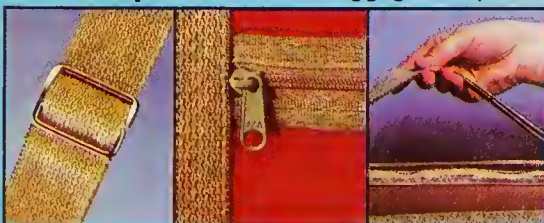
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Also slated is an antiques show and sale in the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 209 Ann St.

Other events scheduled include guided tours of the Old Burying Grounds, tours of the town on a double-decker bus with narration by Grayden M. Paul, an herb sale and an

encampment by the Carteret Volunteer Militia and the 2nd N.C. Regiment of Foote.

For more information, write or call the Beaufort Historical Association, P.O. Box 1709, Beaufort, NC 28516. Phone: (919) 728-5225.

Six Recognized For Work In Journalism

Six North Carolinians have been inducted into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame in recognition of their contributions to journalism in the state. They are:

- Norval Neill Luxon, dean emeritus of the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served as dean from 1953 to 1964.
- Claude Sitton, editor of *The News and Observer*, Raleigh. After working

for *The New York Times*, he joined the Raleigh newspaper in 1970 and won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1983.

- Robert Mason, former editor of the Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot*. He worked for several North Carolina newspapers before becoming editor in Norfolk in 1962. He retired in 1978.

- Sam Summerlin, president of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corporation. He began his journalism career with the Associated Press in Raleigh in 1949.

- Margaret Harper, former editor of *The State Port Pilot* in Southport. She began editing the newspaper when her husband, publisher James M. Harper Jr., was in the Navy.

- Henry Belk, the late former editor of *Goldsboro News-Argus*. He joined the newspaper in 1926 and became editor in 1949. He retired in 1968 at the age of 70.

Home Folks

Donna H. Oliver, a Burlington biology teacher and North Carolina's 1986-87 Teacher of the Year, has been named National Teacher of the Year. She was recognized for the honor during special White House ceremonies, with President Reagan presenting her with a crystal apple **Eileen Sharpe** of Alexander County, founder of the Hiddenite Center, has been presented with the highest honor awarded by the North Carolina Chapter of the International Reading Association. She received the first James H. Hunt Celebrate Literacy Award for her many efforts to promote reading **Betty Fellows**, a second grade teacher at Y.E. Smith School in Durham, has been named to the Association of Science-Technology Centers' Honor Roll of Teachers **Irene Mangum** of Person County has been named 1987 Mother of the Year by the N.C. Mothers' Association. The mother of five, she is the widow of the late B.C. Mangum, who served as president of the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation from 1958 to 1974 **Steven M. Hauge**, a teacher at E.E. Smith Senior High in Cumberland County, has won the 1987 Human Relations Award from the N.C. Association of Educators **Rebecca Young**, a sixth grade teacher at Aycok Middle School in Greensboro, has received the 1987 Terry Sanford Award for creativity and innovation in teaching **Martha Hines**, finance officer for Alexander County Schools, has received the N.C. Educational Office Person of the Year Award for 1987 from the N.C. Association of Educational Office Personnel **Lu Ann Whitaker**, chairman of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service Advisory Council and the Beaufort County Extension Advisory Council, and **Clark Turner** of Reidsville, traffic manager for American Tobacco Division of American Brands, have been selected as outstanding 4-H alumni for 1987 **Frances Carr Parker**, director of child nutrition for Kinston City Schools, has been awarded a 1987 International Foodservice Manufacturers Association "Operator of the Year" Silver Plate Award.

Oops!

The original Mel Steele painting, "Spring Cleaning," which was reproduced on the cover of the April *Carolina Country*, is no longer available from the artist's studios.

An item in the April issue erroneously implied that limited edition prints of the painting — and of another similar painting titled "Winter's End" — could be ordered from Steele's Rockingham County studios. Both prints have been sold out, but may be available from collectors and private galleries.

For information about other Mel Steele prints that are still being sold through his studios, write to Steele and Ballington Studios, Rt. 9, Box 273-B, Reidsville, NC 27320.

Artist Offers Prints Of January Cover Art

"Waterloo Boy," the original watercolor that appeared on the cover of the January *Carolina Country*, is now being offered as a limited edition print.

The painting, a winter snow scene featuring a Waterloo Boy tractor near an old barn, was by Larry Teague of Liberty.

For information about the limited edition print, write to Teague at P.O. Box 616, Liberty, NC 27298.

Randolph Man Heads Co-op Council Slate

Robert Holden, manager of Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, Asheboro, has been elected president of the North Carolina Cooperative Council.

Other officers elected during the council's recent annual meeting were

Vance Yokeley, Coble Dairy, Lexington, as first vice president and William Goulding, Southern States Cooperative's North Carolina Division, Raleigh, as second vice president.

New members elected to the council's board were Eugene W. Brown Jr., manager of Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation, Rich Square; Marie Stiles, Farm Credit Banks of Columbia Corporation and Richard Snopkowski, manager of Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation, Yadkinville.

Tractor and Truck Pull Set In Lincoln County

The Pumpkin Center Volunteer Fire Department's annual Truck and

Tractor Pull is scheduled for June 12 at 7:30 p.m. and June 13 at 7 p.m. at the fire station on Highway 150 six miles east of Lincolnton.

The event will feature competitions in various classes, including stock, super stock, modified, mini rod tractors and two- and four-wheel drive trucks.

Tickets for the event are priced at \$7 for adults and \$3 for children six years of age and older. They're \$1 less if purchased in advance. Children under six admitted free with paid escort.

For advance tickets and more information, write or call Captain Garon Ballard, 411 Ballard St., Denver, NC 28037. Phone: (704) 735-5011. Mail orders will be accepted through June 6.

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Cover: "Shared Moment"

Our cover this month is a reproduction of an original painting by Raney Rogers of Rt. 1, Warrentonville.

The painting is titled "Shared Moment." It is available as a limited edition print, the first ever offered by the artist.

Mrs. Rogers, who has a degree in art from East Carolina University, pursued her painting on a part-time basis until she and her husband moved to Ashe County in 1982. They operate Wildwood Nurseries, a Christmas tree farm that is served by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir.

The artist assists her husband with the farm and also serves as an art teacher in the Ashe County Schools. Her work has been exhibited widely across North Carolina.

She was recently selected as the official artist for the "Resurrect the New River" campaign.

Another of her paintings was featured on the cover of *Carolina Country* in November, 1984.

For more information about prints of "Shared Moment," write to Mrs. Rogers at Rt. 1, Box 52-A, Warrentonville, NC 28693.



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13 Tar Heels Honored By Social Work Organizations

Thirteen North Carolinians have been honored for their contributions to social work across the state. They are:

- E.C. (Chip) Modlin, director of the Cumberland County Department of Social Services, was named Social Worker of the Year by the state chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The organization also saluted Glenn Hargett Jr., news director of WJNC/WRCM-FM, Jacksonville, as Citizen of the Year.

- Dr. Leslie Syron, a professor and former head of the Department of

Sociology at Meredith College, was presented the Outstanding Service Award from the N.C. Council for Social Services.

- James Blakely, director of the Burke County Department of Social Services, was named Director of the Year by the N.C. Association of County Directors of Social Services.

- Dr. John Ball and Dr. C.G. Kledaras of East Carolina University received outstanding service awards from the N.C. Association of Social Works for Mental Health.

- Scotland County Health Director Dennis Harrington was honored for contributions to social work in public health by the N.C. Public Health Association.

- Lucile Hawk of Chapel Hill was cited for contributions in the field of social work in home health and hospice settings.

- Eva Martin Bullock of Charlotte was named School Social Worker of the Year by the N.C. School Social Workers Association.

- Heather B. Craige of Raleigh was honored for contributions to the field of clinical social work by the N.C. Society for Clinical Social Work.

- Sally Miller of Washington was named Hospital Social Work Director of the Year by the N.C. Society of Hospital Social Work Directors.

- Almita S.R. Woods of Jacksonville was presented with the Bell-Carter Outstanding Social Worker Award from the N.C. Association of Black Social Workers.

State's Libraries Slate Summer Reading Program

"Soar Into Reading" is the theme for the 1987 statewide Summer Reading Program, which will involve thousands of children at local libraries across the state.

The summer program was created to encourage children to have fun while exploring their own abilities and interests through a varied reading program, officials said.

As part of the Summer Reading Program, children can enjoy story hours, puppet shows, games, crafts, workshops and other special events tailored to accompany their reading program and stimulate their interest in reading.

Each participant in "Soar Into Reading" will receive materials especially designed for this year's program. Designed by Nelle Hayes of New Bern High School, they are provided to libraries by the State Library. Each child who completes the reading program will receive a certificate signed by Gov. James Martin.

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to interpret the program to suit their community's needs.

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For details, contact your local library.

Five Honored For Heroism

Five North Carolinians have been honored by Gov. James G. Martin for risking their lives in an attempt to save another person.

The 1987 Governor's Award for Bravery and Heroism, which annually honors civilians for bravery, was presented to:

- Joyce Dewitt and her daughter, Teresa Williams, both of Kenansville, who went into a burning house to save a 74-year-old wheelchair-bound woman.

- Tony Howard, a former Marine from Raleigh, who saved a 2-year-old child when a car was accidentally knocked out of gear.

- John Hudson of Bell's Island, who tried to save a woman whose car flipped over into the icy waters of Coinjock Bay. The woman died two days later.

- The late Susan Carper of Wilmington, a registered nurse who stopped to help an auto accident victim near Benson. While tending to injuries, Mrs. Carper and the victim were struck by a car and killed instantly.

Offshore Fishing Spots Featured In New Guide

UNC Sea Grant has just published a guide to some of the state's best offshore fishing spots, and strangely enough the publication is called *The Hardbottom Distribution Map*.

'Hardbottoms' is a geologic term for underwater mesas. These mesas and their jagged edges form natural

reefs that attract some of ocean's most delectable fare—snapper, grouper and black bass.

The four-color map covers Onslow Bay, which is an offshore area between Cape Lookout and Cape Fear. And it includes Loran-C readings so fishermen can locate these natural reefs.

On the other side of the poster are five detailed paintings that realistically depict the mesas and the life nearby.

Offshore sport fishermen say the maps will take much of the guesswork out of snapper and grouper fishing.

The maps cost \$5. They are available from UNC Sea Grant, Box 8605, N.C. State University, Raleigh, N.C. 27695, or call 919/737-2454.

Sea Grant is a federal and state program that promotes the wise use of our coastal and marine resources through research, education and extension.

17 Directors Get New Terms At 5 EMCs

Seventeen incumbent directors for five North Carolina Electric

Membership Corporations have been re-elected to the EMCs' Boards of Directors during recent co-op annual meetings:

- **Edgecombe-Martin County EMC**, Tarboro—Re-elected were Noel Lee Jr., of Rt. 3, Washington; Floyd Harrell of Rt. 4, Tarboro and Elbert Ray Pitt of Rt. 1, Pinetops.

- **South River EMC**, Dunn—Re-elected were Kyle Harrington of Rt. 1, Broadway; Harvey Flowers of Rt. 4, Four Oaks and Leroy Autry of Rt. 2, Autryville.

- **Wake EMC**, Wake Forest—Re-elected were Roy Ed Jones Jr. of Rt. 3, Wake Forest; Braxton Creech of Rt. 2, Kenly and Roger L. Moss of Rt. 1, Kittrell.

- **Halifax EMC**, Enfield—Re-elected were Richard H. Greene of Warrenton; Robert T. Harris of Rt. 3, Littleton, Raymond Sykes of Rt. 3, Whitakers and A.G. Willcox Jr. of Rt. 3, Enfield.

- **French Broad EMC**, Marshall—Re-elected were I.E. Clevenger of Burnsville; Albert Freeman of Marshall; Joe Justice of Hot Springs and Parnell Cooke of Rt. 1, Bakersville.



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Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
June 13	Blue Ridge, Lenoir	Registration: 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.	Ashe Central High School, Jefferson
July 17	Randolph, Asheboro	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Lee J. Stone Stadium, Asheboro



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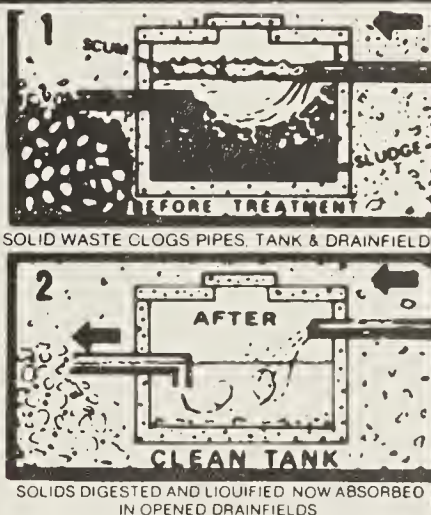
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Harsh Winter Weather Sends EMCs Reeling

"It was the worst winter we've been through in over 10 years!"

That's how the manager of one North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation described his cooperative's experience through the past winter—a rare season that brought the state a little of almost everything Mother Nature offers in the way of harsh weather.

See related stories, page 16.

From a severe ice storm in the Watauga County area in early December to a tornado on the Outer Banks in April, she sent Tar Heel utilities reeling time after time. Her punches also came in the form of strong winds, freezing rain, sleet, snow and a major ice storm that paralyzed much of the state.

Thousands of EMC consumer-members experienced disrupted service as the co-ops' employees joined forces to man telephones, chart the damages and get repairmen—often with crews from other EMCs—on the job to restore service as quickly as possible.

Even though the workmen often fought the elements around the clock to that end, some homes and businesses were without power for days.

Damages to the EMC systems ranged from isolated outages that were quickly repaired to extensive damages covering a wide area, giving some of the affected co-ops their highest repair bills ever.

The tornado that struck the Outer Banks in April caused heavy damage to property there, but somehow left Cape Hatteras EMC, Buxton, with little damage and only a brief outage problem.

Meanwhile, the heavy spring snow that covered much of Western North Carolina caused only brief outages for Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir; Haywood EMC, Waynesville and French Broad, EMC, Marshall.

Blue Ridge employees had their hands full, though, during that December ice storm that left about 13,000 Watauga County consumers without power for days. Repairing the damage

from that storm cost the co-op about \$500,000, according to officials at the EMC.

In addition, the co-op's work crews were kept busy in January repairing damage from a storm that dumped up to 20 inches of snow across Blue Ridge territory, disrupting service to about 16,000 members in Ashe County. And, in February they had to clear up numerous problems from winds of up to 60 miles per hour.

About 8,000 members of Rutherford EMC, Forest City, lost service during one January storm, while about 13,000 were without power in a second.

Hazardous conditions slowed the efforts of the EMC's crews to restore power as more than 12 inches of snow

blanketed the co-op's service area.

About 4,000 members of Davidson EMC, Lexington, lost power amid a Super Bowl Sunday snow storm.

"That was the most severe storm we've had in the past seven or eight years," said Mike Taylor, director of engineering at Davidson EMC.

The same storm system caused similar problems for members of Crescent EMC, Statesville, especially in Mecklenburg County. About 4,000 households were left without power as a result of that storm.

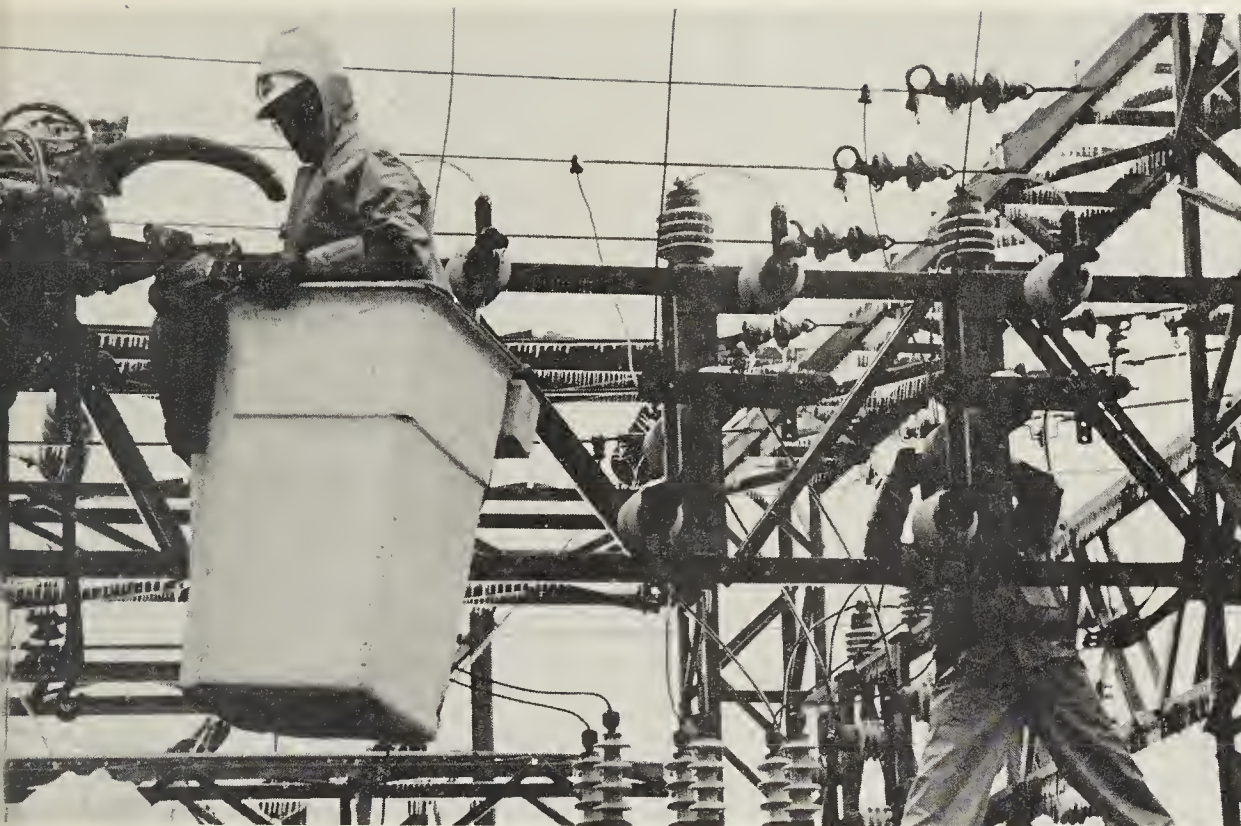
It came only weeks after a New Year's Day ice storm had hit the co-op's territory in Alexander County, disrupting service to about 5,000 members.

The freezing rain and ice that covered large areas of the state in February disrupted power for 6,500 members of Four County EMC, Burgaw. Another 2,000 homes were left without power in the territory of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro.

Halifax EMC, Enfield, was also



A major ice storm in February downed these power lines of Four County Electric Membership Corporation, Burgaw. The storm disrupted service for about 6,500 of the EMC's consumer-members.



Four County EMC Linemen Dean Lanning, left, and Lawrence Mills make repairs at a substation during the February ice storm.

Photos by Cathy Johnson, Four County EMC

Stories by Dan Cook and Owen Bishop

hard-hit by the storm, which left about 5,000 members without power, some for extended periods.

In addition, South River EMC, Dunn, had about 10,000 members without power due to the storm.

"We haven't been hit so hard with outages since 1968 or 1969," said Buddy Creed, the co-op's director of operations and engineering.

On the coast, Brunswick EMC, Shalotte, was also hard hit by the storm. About 4,500 members were left without power.

About 3,500 members of Roanoke EMC, Rich Square, experienced disrupted service during the February storm, many for extended periods. These problems came on the heels of a January snow storm that left almost 2,000 of the co-op's consumers without power.

"These storms caused the most costly damage we've ever experienced," said Eugene W. Brown Jr., Roanoke EMC's manager.

Together, the storms cost the EMC about \$140,000, he said.

February's freezing rain, sleet and snow also proved to be "the most costly ever" for Haywood EMC, Waynesville, where about 9,000 members experienced lengthy outages.

In battling the elements to restore service, the EMC's own crews were augmented by 105 men and 55 trucks from other co-ops and contractors.

"We estimate the cost of the damage at about \$200,000, but it may be as much as \$250,000," said Eddie Lail, Haywood's manager of member services.

The monster February ice storm left about 5,000 homes without service in the area served by Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs.

Officials there said damage to the system was worse than it had been during the 1984 tornado that hit the area.

Repair efforts were "a real nightmare," they said, because crews would repair a line but accumulating ice would break it again later.

The same conditions frustrated crews at other co-ops, including Wake EMC, Wake Forest.

Here's how Al Hinton, Wake's manager of operations, described the situation that co-op faced: "We would repair the power line and restore electric service only to have the line knocked out down the road. This type of situation can be very frustrating for both us and our members."

Another major source of frustration for co-op members was the difficulty many experienced in trying to telephone an EMC headquarters to report outages.

"You can imagine when we had 10,000 people without power, many could not get through," said Marvin Marshall, manager of South River

EMC, Dunn.

"But, our people were on the job as soon as the storm hit, working almost around the clock, to get service restored."

This is always a problem during major outages because the phones will often get overloaded with calls, said Jim Mangum, manager of Wake EMC, Wake Forest.

"We really appreciate the information and help that our members gave in pinpointing the location of downed power lines. Most important was the patience and understanding from our members who realized that we were doing all we could to restore electric service as soon as possible."

In responding to the outages, the EMCs generally follow an established priority system to determine which lines are repaired first.

The procedure followed by Roanoke EMC, Rich Square, is typical:

"We concentrate first on substations and main feeder lines," said Manager Eugene W. Brown Jr., who serves on the EMCs' statewide Emergency Coordination Committee. (See page 16 for more details). "Those main lines will get the most service on."

"Second, we work the tap lines of feeders. Then, we get individual services, giving consideration to critical loads such as nursing homes, hospitals, water disruption and sewage systems and livestock facilities."

Work Plan Outlines EMC Repair Procedures

When workmen for North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations respond to outage calls, as they did so often during the numerous storms that disrupted service during the past winter, they often literally are on the job "around the clock."

They push themselves through ice, sleet, snow—whatever conditions they might find—in order to get power flowing again to EMCs' consumer-members.

See related story, page 14.

They're a "special breed," said Bob Holmes, manager of Tri-County EMC, Dudley.

"They know the hazards of the industry. They know what has to be done and they just stay with it until they get it all cleared up."

Still, the EMCs operate under a statewide Emergency Work Plan that spells out recommendations for limiting the long hours of the emergency crews.

"There is a limit to the length of time men can work effectively and safely without rest in bed," the plan says, suggesting that no employee work "more than 24 hours since last bed rest until a minimum of six hours is afforded. And, thereafter, no more than 16 hours between periods of sleep."

The work plan, which was developed by the EMC statewide organization, is regularly reviewed by a committee of officials from co-ops throughout North Carolina.

It was adopted:

- To make effective help available to any EMC in emergency situations.
- To set forth the procedures recommended by the committee.
- To provide information on resources available from all EMCs.

The plan was put into action repeat-

edly during the winter storms, with the statewide organization's Tarheel Electric Membership Corporation (TEMA) handling coordination of emergency calls.

As the calls come into the TEMA headquarters in Raleigh, the central materials supply operation mobilizes efforts to get supplies and assistance to the co-ops that are most in need.

Thus, work crews from an EMC in the Piedmont might be dispatched to help a co-op in the mountains recover from a snow storm.

This past winter, 18 EMCs sent crews to assist other co-ops in restoring service. They were: Albemarle, Hertford; Carteret-Craven, Morehead City; Central, Sanford; Crescent, Statesville; Davidson, Lexington; Edgecombe-Martin County, Tarboro; Haywood, Waynesville; Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville; Pee Dee, Wadesboro; Piedmont, Hillsborough; Randolph, Asheboro; Roanoke, Rich Square; Rutherford, Forest City; South River, Dunn; Surry-Yadkin, Dobson; Tideland, Pantego; Union, Monroe and Wake, Wake Forest.

Committee Oversees Emergency Plan

The statewide Emergency Coordination Committee consists of five EMC managers and four co-op operations managers.

The managers are H. Eugene Clayborne, Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City; Wayne Wilkins, Davidson EMC, Lexington; John Browning, Haywood EMC, Waynesville; Eugene W. Brown Jr., Roanoke EMC, Rich Square and Mark A. Suggs, Pitt and Greene EMC, Farmville.

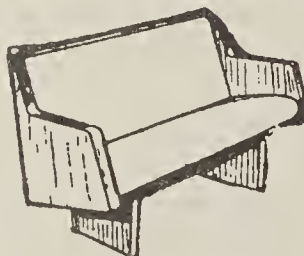
The operations managers are Bobby Gore, Brunswick EMC, Shallotte; James Scott, Central EMC, Sanford; Robert L. Brooks, Albemarle EMC, Hertford and Joseph H. Joplin, Rutherford EMC, Forest City.

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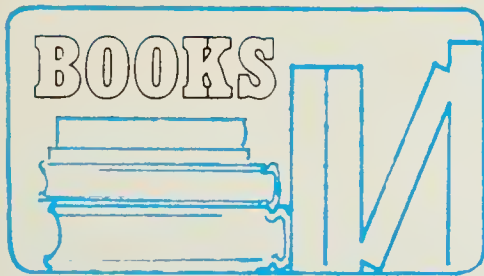
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Walking Across Egypt by Clyde Edgerton. Algonquin Books, 217 pages. \$14.95.

Mattie Rigsbee has one secret sin. Well, two related sins. Everyday she cooks her noon meal complete with fresh vegetables and homemade biscuits.

(She may be 78 and slowing down, but that's no reason to be so shiftless as to resort to frozen store-bought lasagna like her neighbors Alora and Finner.)

Then, after lunch, Mattie leaves her unwashed dishes on the counter while she watches "All My Children!"

She has never admitted this shocking secret to anyone, although she suspects her sister Pearl knows about the soap opera and is too polite to mention it, just like Mattie never mentions Pearl's habit of dipping snuff.

Thus, when Mattie falls through the bottom of her rocker after taking the seat out to have it recovered, her main concern is that someone will discover her watching a soap opera while her dirty dishes wait in the kitchen.

She wouldn't be in this fix—with her arms and legs pointing to the ceiling and her bottom almost to the floor—if she hadn't had to call the dogcatcher, Lamar, to come for a little fice that's been hanging around her back door. In her hurry to call, she just forgot about the chair.

As it turns out, Lamar finds Mattie before her neighbors do and cuts her out of the chair—after Mattie has him wash the dishes, just in case anyone drops by.

Thus begin the adventures of Mattie, Lamar and Lamar's nephew, Wesley Benfield, a juvenile car thief. Mattie, a staunch member of the Listre Baptist Church, decides Wesley is one of the "least of these my brethren" Jesus wants his disciples to care for.

Clyde Edgerton's hilarious *Walking Across Egypt* details how Mattie's in-

volvement with a young criminal affects her relationships with her neighbors, her grown unmarried children and her fellow church members.

Comparisons with Edgerton's book, *Raney*, are inevitable. This new volume is set in the same North Carolina town as his first novel, although *Raney* and Mattie seem not to be acquainted. Both examine the quirks and foibles of modern Southern life with a satire that is more loving than vicious. Both show the same fine ear for dialogue.

The humor in *Walking Across Egypt* is more slapstick. People fall through bottomless chairs, off rotten ladders, and on slippery bathroom floors. And just as the humor is less subtle, so is the message. Edgerton even includes the text of Mattie's favorite hymn, "Walking Across Egypt," at the end of the novel. It goes in part, "The least who are among us place their feet where Jesus trod."

For Mattie the question is one of ability. Can she keep a sixteen-year-old orphan with a criminal past and bad teeth? Can she lead him into the

paths of righteousness when her own grown children don't go to church?

The neighbors and her children think she's crazy. The church members worry about what it will do to their Christian witness to have the chairman of the Lottie Moon mission fund consorting with convicts and dogcatchers.

Edgerton makes it plain that Mattie is on the right track in attempting to help "one of the least of these my brethren" but he has a far clearer vision of Wesley than does Mattie. When Mattie takes Wesley to church, she imagines he is soaking up the sweet spiritual atmosphere of the place. What Wesley sees are a lot of unguarded pocketbooks.

Walking Across Egypt is a funny look at contrasting characters and modern problems. The author serves up a varied menu of sweets and savories, but he never leaves any doubt as to the power of a little love—and a lot of homemade pound cake—to conquer them all.

—Phyllis H. Johnson

Bobby Rex's Greatest Hit by Marianne Gingher. Atheneum. 308 pages. \$17.95.

Welcome to Orfax, North Carolina, birthplace of Bobby Rex Moseley, the country music singer whose new record, "Pally Thompson," is fast climbing the charts and is destined to be a hit.

It is 1961 and 20-year-old Pally Thompson is fit to be tied.

This record by Bobby Rex couldn't have come at a worse time. Here she is happily planning her wedding to the young veterinarian, whose sons she used to baby-sit. Now everyone in town, including her fiance, is wondering about Pally and Bobby Rex. Did they have an affair, as the song's lyrics suggest? If so, how on earth did she manage it? Everyone knows Byrum Jenkins was her steady boyfriend back then.

Pally starts thinking about the past and trying to find an explanation for it all. She goes back to her high school years and relives that time of growth and change, remembering the relationships that connected the people in this small country town.

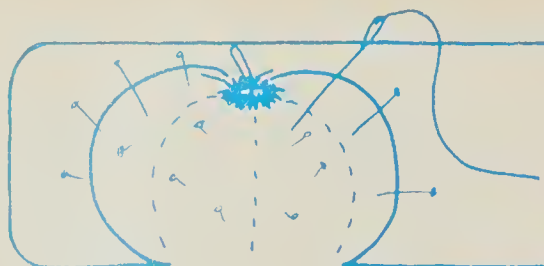
There was Shilda, her best friend, whose mother deserted her baby daughter and husband to run off with a preacher. There were Byrum and Bobby Rex, of course. And the LaMarr twins, those good ole boys who almost died as a result of their wild days.

Little Orfax is 20 miles from Greensboro, Marianne Gingher's hometown. She makes her home there now with her husband and two sons, after having earned a master's in creative writing at UNC-G.

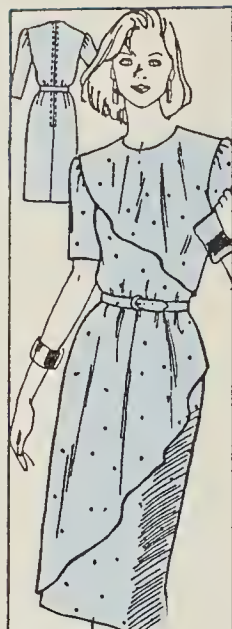
I want to remember her name because *Bobby Rex's Greatest Hit* is everything a novel should be—full of life and love. It is told in a way that touches all your senses. For any novel, it is impressive; for a first novel, it is unbelievably good.

The book certainly was a big hit with me. Like a song that repeats itself in your mind, this "hit" lingers on for reflection.

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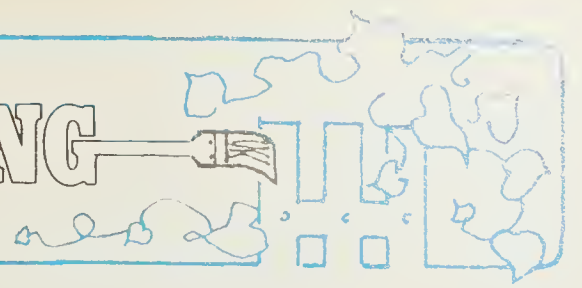
Easy Cheese Bread

Submitted by Mrs. Forrest K. Kearns, Asheboro

2½ cups biscuit mix
1 cup (4 oz.) sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
2 tsp. poppy seeds
1 egg, beaten
1 cup milk

Combine biscuit mix, cheese and poppy seeds in large bowl. Combine egg and milk; add to biscuit mixture, mixing vigorously for 1 minute. Spoon into a lightly greased 8½" x 4½" loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until golden brown. Yield: 1 loaf. Tastes great "toasted."

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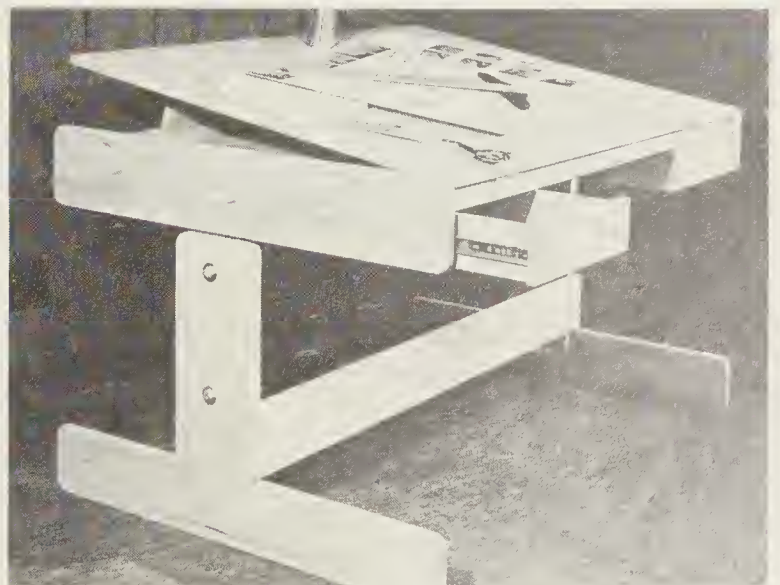
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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

As spring advances toward summer, annuals begin to replace spring-flowering bulbs and many perennials are coming into flower production. Gardening activities also reflect the seasonal change. If showers are few, water frequently and deeply to encourage the development of a deep root system.

Newly-planted Trees, Shrubs

Spring-planted deciduous trees and shrubs, including fruit trees, need additional top pruning now if new shoots appear weak or plants show no signs of growth. Tip-prune each branch a few inches, retaining the natural form of the plant. This equalizes the root-top balance.

Balled-and-burlapped plants that had the root ball broken or loosened at planting time will need top pruning. Sometimes roots of these plants were severed in digging and branches need pruning to compensate for the root loss. Plants that retained many fibrous roots always require less pruning than those reduced to a few whiplike roots.

In shaping a tree, it is best to wait a year after planting before pruning. In this type pruning, remove only enough of the top to promote healthy growth. The more leaves that are produced the first year or two after planting, the faster new roots and top growth will develop.

Vegetables

If you've delayed setting out tender eggplant, sweet and hot pepper plants, set them out now. Also plant seed of squash, okra, bush and pole lima beans, snapbeans, cucumber, and sweet and roasting ear corn.

When you thin leafy vegetables such as turnip, kale or beets, use the tops for greens. If space allows, you can plant some of the extra beet plants

in rows three or four inches apart—or share extra plants with friends and neighbors.

Just as with lawn watering, frequent light watering seldom is beneficial to the vegetable garden. Often this does harm.

During dry spells, soak the ground thoroughly; then water again when soil is dry. When plants are small, one inch of water per week may be enough. When plants are larger they may need as much as two inches per week.

Keep on the Alert

During summer months, keep a close eye on landscape plants — ever on the alert for the appearance of insects and diseases. When trouble appears, plants should be dusted or sprayed with recommended material.

Weeds should be controlled in flower, shrubbery and vegetable plantings. A good mulch will help a great deal to keep them down.

Shade Plants

Young plants, particularly seedlings, that are set out during the summer should be shaded for a few days after planting. Cut a few branches from a hedge or shade tree

and stick them in the ground so they shade the tender plants.

Camellias transplanted late in the season or moved into direct sunlight from a lath house should be shaded through the first summer.

Roses Tall and Leggy?

Most rosarians recommend cutting such plants back about half as much as you normally would during the late winter or spring pruning.

Fertilize and water plants well to encourage strong new growth for fall blooming. Be sure to keep insects and diseases under control to promote new growth.

Root Now

This is a good time to make cuttings of such soft-wood plants as coleus, geranium, begonia and impatiens. Place cuttings in a box of clean sand. Keep moist but not soaked.

After cuttings have formed roots, transfer them to pots of good potting soil. They'll make nice house plants for the winter months ahead.

Divide Daffodils

If your daffodils have not been blooming well the last few seasons,

Increase Cut-flower Life

This old Norwegian formula helps to increase the life span of cut flowers:

Dissolve six level tablespoons of sugar and one tablespoon of vinegar in five cups of warm water. Use this solution in vases and containers of cut flowers.

The materials in the solution will slow down bacterial and fungus growth. Stems take up warm water faster than they do cold water.

With this formula it is not necessary to change water daily.

One word of caution: Never use sugar alone as a preservative for cut flowers.



they may be overgrown and in need of dividing.

Use a garden fork to dig them carefully. Separate the new bulbs and reset them in freshly dug soil.

You also can hold them in a cool place for replanting in the fall.

Crepe Myrtles

For abundant summer bloom, feed crepe myrtles this month with a balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10 or 8-8-8 analysis. For large shrubs, use as much as one cup per plant.

Mini-tips for May

- Spring-flowering bulbs may be dug as soon as leaves turn yellow.
- Cut off tips of chrysanthemum shoots to make plants compact.
- Plant tender bulbs such as canna, caladium, dahlia, tuberose, gladiolus.
- Sow flowering annuals such as balsam, alyssum, cosmos, marigold,

nicotinia, tithonia and zinnia for summer and fall bloom.

- Cut out a few of the oldest canes (stems) of fast-growing clump or many-caned shrubs such as spirea and nandina.

Summer Pruning

Try summer pruning if you want to have bushy, well-shaped plants that will bloom profusely. Summer pruning means pruning shrubs as they grow. Prune by cutting or pinching out growing tips.

This causes the plant to produce several vigorous new shoots. In May or June, summer prune abelia, forsythia (yellow bells), the privets, mock orange, deutzia, althea, bush winter honeysuckle, weigelia, euonymus and other similar shrubs.

Bedding Plants

If you failed to start your bedding plants from seed, you'll find there still

is a good selection in garden centers. Such plants usually "take off" in rapid growth. They give flowering plants much sooner than seed planted outdoors. Bedding plants have had a few weeks headstart.

Caladium Varieties

Fancy-leaved caladiums are good choices for use in shady areas of the garden. Among the popular varieties:

Candidum — Snow-white leaves with green-netted veins. (Perhaps the most popular of all caladiums. The showy white leaves are most effective growing at the base of green shrubs.)

Poecil Anglais — Metallic green, wide borders with deep-crimson centers. Low-growing.

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A Checklist To Help You Spot Potential Home Fire Hazards

Of the nearly 620,000 home fires reported each year, one out of eight is the result of inadequate or improper wiring. Electric current kills about 1,100 people in the United States each year, with one-third of these fatalities occurring at home.

Use these questions to measure your home's electrical safety. If your answer to a question is NO, check the box next to that item. Then take immediate steps to correct these dangerous situations.

Outside electrical supply lines

- ☐ Are lines taut and securely connected to the building?
- ☐ Is insulation in good condition, not worn or frayed?
- ☐ Are wires clear of trees or other objects?

Electrical supply panel

- ☐ Is there adequate space in front of and around the panel?
- ☐ Is the floor in front of the supply panel dry?
- ☐ Is there a rubber mat, wooden box or board in front of the panel to stand on?
- ☐ Is the floor free of newspapers, rags, solvents and other stored items?
- ☐ Is the panel area well lit?
- ☐ Is a working flashlight readily available?
- ☐ If the fuse panel has a cover or door, does it fit? Open and close properly?
- ☐ Is the panel dry and not discolored or corroded?
- ☐ Are all fuses tight?
- ☐ Does the capacity of each fuse or circuit breaker match that shown for it on the circuit diagram or list?
- ☐ Are replacement fuses available for all fuses?

Electrical outlets

Be sure to check all of the outlets in each room. Make a list of any outlets which have missing, bent, cracked or loose faceplates.

- ☐ Are there no more than two plugs connected to any one outlet?
- ☐ Are cords on lamps, TVs, radios and other devices safely routed out of traffic patterns?
- ☐ Are cords in good condition, not frayed, taped, with loose plugs, or stapled or nailed to the floor or walls?
- ☐ Do the plug prongs on the device's cord or extension cord match the outlet's openings?
- ☐ Do all heavy-duty appliances such as window air conditioners, washers, dryers and sunlamps operate on their own circuits?
- ☐ Are all outside electrical outlets grounded, three-pronged types or

equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters?

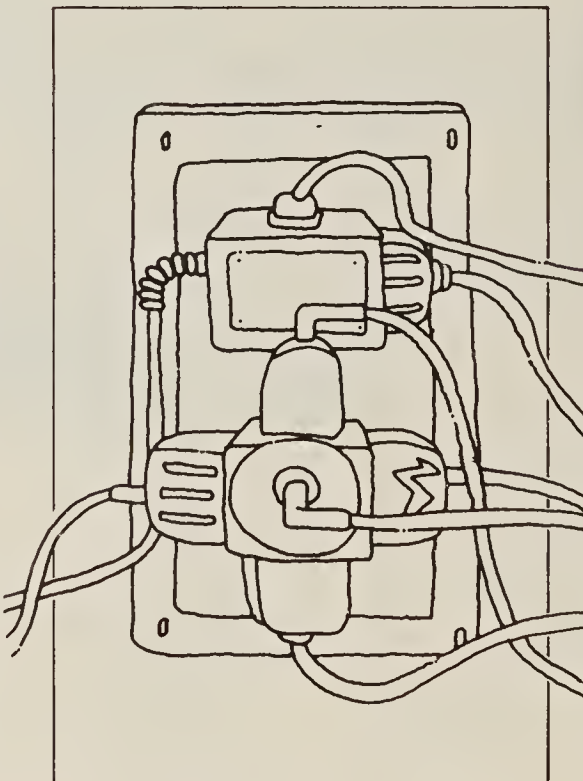
- ☐ Are all outlets covered with watertight lids when not in use?
- ☐ Are electrical outlets that smoke, spark, make unusual intermittent noises, or have warm or hot spots in and around them, disconnected and checked immediately?
- ☐ Are all unused electrical outlets covered or plugged?

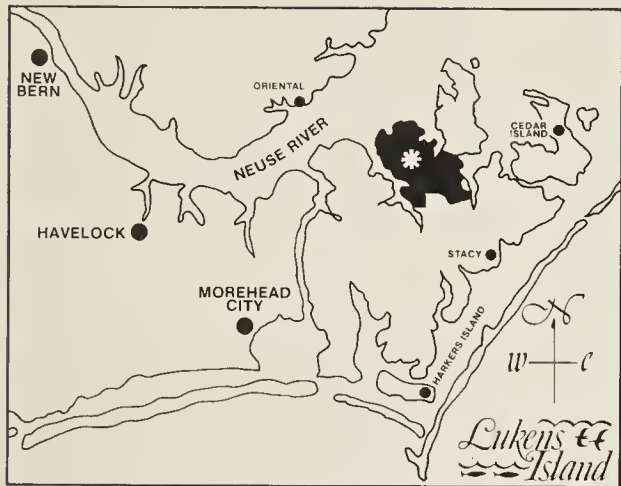
Extension cords

- ☐ Are fewer than three extension cords used in any room?
- ☐ Are extension cords laid on uncovered floors or over rugs unless listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or another recognized testing organization for use under rugs or other floor coverings?
- ☐ Are extension cords laid on floors, not tacked, taped or in some way strung or hung above the floor?
- ☐ Are extension cords in good condition, not taped, frayed, chewed, brittle or knotted?
- ☐ If you have a portable trouble light, does it have an insulated handle and a bulb guard?
- ☐ Are only three-pronged, grounded, heavy-duty extension cords used outdoors?
- ☐ If overhead or wall lamps have metal pull chains, are there fiber or hard rubber insulating links at the socket end of the chains?

Electrical appliances and utensils

- ☐ Are all small kitchen appliances listed by UL or another recognized testing organization?
- ☐ Do all large appliances such as dishwashers, dryers and TV's have UL or another appropriate organization's safety label?
- ☐ Are all appliances used in the kitchen, bathroom and laundry areas fitted with three-pronged grounding plugs?
- ☐ Are electrical appliances that cause a shock or tingling sensation disconnected and checked immediately?
- ☐ Are all electrical appliances unplugged when not in use?
- ☐ Are all electrical heaters in both the house and garage unplugged when not in use?





Hunting Club Planned For 14,000-Acre Site On The Neuse River

North Carolina sportmen who enjoy hunting and fishing now have a unique opportunity to become charter members of a non-profit hunting club near the coast that will offer outdoor recreation in a natural preserve for generations to come.

The planned club, to be known as Lukens Island Hunting Club, would be in Carteret County on the Neuse River south of Oriental.

Plans call for the project to cover more than 14,000 acres, offering both waterfowl and upland game hunting, water-based recreation, fresh water fishing and areas for family activities.

The proposed site already has both waterfowl and upland game. Geese and ducks abound, as do deer, bear and small game. At least three colonies of black bear have been reported in the area. Alligators, which are protected by a permanently closed season, are spotted on occasion.

When developed, the club territory will also have quail and other upland birds. The area naturally attracts mallards, pintails, black ducks, scaup, redheads, widgeons, canvasback and wood ducks, as well as many other pond dwellers. Miles of man-made canals blend with numerous small creeks.

The hunt club tract is bordered by South River on the west, the Neuse River on the north and Turnagain Bay on the east. Immediately south is the 44,000-acre Open Grounds Farm, which has 36,000 acres in cultivation and pasture.

Plans for the hunt club are being developed by a steering committee composed of businessmen who are hunting and fishing enthusiasts. The prime movers behind the project are

Dick Seiple and David Voerman, both of New Bern and John Percivall of Raleigh.

"A main objective will be to preserve the natural environment," Percivall said. "It's a beautiful area, and we're not going to let it suffer in any way. In fact, we will improve the habitat for all forms of wildlife, which will also make it more attractive for members."

Good conservation, he added, will be a watchword as the club manages game populations to increase all types of wildlife.

When the club is formally organized and the land acquired, the club will build a 40-unit lodge and create new fresh water ponds. Between 2,000 and 3,000 acres would be cleared to provide cultivated farmland for wildlife food.

In addition, breeding and nesting boxes would also be provided.

The master plan includes a marina, hunting blinds, dikes and pumping equipment and camp sites.

About half the territory already has well maintained roads.

The organizers' initial goal for the club is a membership of 300 sportsmen and their families.

Members would be required to pay an initial application fee of \$5,000, which would be deposited in an escrow account to earn interest as the project moves forward. Maximum membership will be 500, Percivall said.

After the project becomes a reality, each investor will be asked for the balance of the membership fees, or \$10,000.

Percivall pointed out that the memberships will become part of members' estates and can be handed down from

one generation to another. In addition, they can be sold or given as gifts — with the approval of a membership committee that will be formed as part of the formal organizational process.

For additional information, write to Lukens Island Hunting Club, P.O. Box 179, 308 Hancock St., New Bern, NC 28560. Phone: (919) 633-4520.

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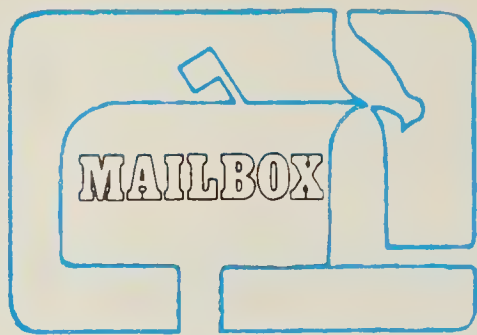
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Likes "Short-Cut" Recipes

In response to the lady who wrote in to Mailbox (April) to complain that your recipes were not "country" enough for her because they contain processed foods and chemicals: I am a Naturalist and love pure foods as much as the next person. But, I am working

two jobs which together span seven days per week from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. I tend an acre garden, raise a few Bantams and Dobermans, cut about two acres of grass every week and I'm also raising a toddler. So I like having short-cuts to meals now and then. Please keep most of your recipes short and simple!

F.S. Egelston
Elizabethtown

Mrs. Sadler and other readers have already submitted several recipes that do not call for processed foods or chemicals for our use in a special feature. To submit recipes of this sort, send them to us at: Pure Country Recipes, Carolina Country, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Polk Letter: An Exercise In "Scapegoating"

It was refreshing to read T. S. Polk's letter in your April issue. The usual parade of "I read your wonderful magazine every month" letters become cloying after a while.

Mr./Ms. Polk took me back about 20 years to my own high school days, when issues — and the world — seemed so much simpler and clearer to me. I thought then that merely repeating an argument made it stronger; that its point could be proven by assertion. It took many years for me to learn otherwise.

Perhaps our community colleges ought to offer debating as an adult education evening course. We could then gain skill at supporting *first one side, then the other*, of issues. This would teach us to become familiar with the facts on both sides, not just the one we favor.

We might find, to the surprise of some of us, that the current government in Nicaragua received a higher percentage of votes than Ronald Reagan did last time around. Or that the budget proposals submitted to Congress by the White House have themselves contained deficits in the hundreds of billions of dollars. Or that there is intense disagreement in the scientific community over the very feasibility — to say nothing of the advisability — of the SDI program.

It is very easy, and very tempting, to assign the blame for our problems by bashing the media, the "ultra liberals," Congress and so on. This is called "scapegoating." It is the descendant of an ancient and barbaric practice wherein a society would slaughter an innocent goat, claiming it was responsible for their troubles. These days we do the slaughtering with words and 30-second political ads rather than clubs and knives. And we proclaim ourselves righteous defenders of whatever-it-is-we-believe against those-who-dare-disagree. This may be less bloody than animal sacrifice, but I wonder if it is very much more enlightened.

A couple of thousand years ago, we were advised to become as little children to gain an understanding of things. What this means to me is the freedom to ask clear and pertinent questions as little children do, and to seek truthful answers. It means the freedom to point out that the emperor has no clothes, if that is what we see. Yet how often were we silenced by our elders, or denounced by partisans like Mr./Ms. Polk, when our questions became too uncomfortable for them?

David Spicer
Asheville

"Thanks" For Using Photo Of Mill Pond

My family and I thank you very much for using Ray Strawbridge's beautiful snow scene of Perry's Mill Pond on the March cover of your nice magazine.

Benny L. Perry
Rt. 2, Zebulon

Americans Must "Speak Out" On Illegal Drug Problem

We are faced with a serious problem in our beloved America: illegal drugs. Many of the teen suicides are illegal drug-related. I understand that 97 percent of all crimes committed in the USA are either directly or indirectly connected to illegal drugs. And the USA is the No. 1 consumer of illegal drugs in the world today.

What can we, the people, do about this serious problem? Speak out publicly against illegal drugs. Back candidates for political office who are anti-illegal drugs. Educate the young about how deadly illegal drugs are.

By doing these things, we can win the war against illegal drugs. And we can, through Crime Stoppers, inform law enforcement about any illegal activity that we have accurate facts about, including activities involving illegal drugs. This will help rid society of these drugs.

Scott Rigby
Rt. 2, Hiddenite

Editorial On "Blaze Orange" Was "Only Speculation"

I read the article about hunters in the March issue of *Carolina Country* (Viewpoint) that was reprinted from *The Charlotte Observer*. There are two kinds of hunters in our forests and I hope I am listed by my peers in the first group, the true hunters. They hunt to have some time alone — to blend in and be part of Mother Nature's wonders. We hunt quietly for hours just to get a well-placed shot at a deer. This kind of hunter obeys all the game laws, takes care of the land and trees he or she is hunting on, makes sure there are visible antlers before the shot is fired and totally enjoys the sport handed down from generations to other hunters.

The other group in the woods in-

volves persons who obey the laws only when it suits their needs. They shoot at anything that moves. To these people, "blaze orange" or any other color would not make any difference anyway. Just don't wear anything brown or white because then you would look just like a deer.

With the hunting population growing every year, hunting deaths are going to occur. To say that the use of "blaze orange" will reduce the number of deaths is only speculation.

The answer lies in long-term solutions, such as hunter safety and shooting programs and stiffer court indictments.

A lot of deaths could be avoided in the woods if all hunters would just look at their targets carefully before they fired. It would save a lot of heartache and make hunting a more enjoyable experience.

Charles D. Childress
Rt. 6, Lexington

The 1987 General Assembly has adopted a statute requiring the use of "blaze orange" items for hunters who hunt bear, deer or wild boar with firearms. They are required to wear a cap or hat or some other outer garment of that color. The new law, which becomes effective this fall, carries a fine of \$25 with no court costs to be assessed. Violators will be issued warning citations during the first year of the law's enforcement. The regulation will not apply to a landowner or members of his/her immediate family when they are hunting on their own property.

Magazine: A "Personal Touch"

I just received your April 1987 edition of *Carolina Country* and fell in love with the cover picture. I immediately planned to have it framed because it reminded me so much of my grandmother's old homestead. When my co-workers at the office saw it, they all wanted copies because it reminded them of old homesteads.

Please keep up the excellent work on your magazine. I thoroughly enjoy it each month. We have a trailer near Aurora on the Pamlico River and have had excellent repair service with Tideland EMC. It's a shame other utilities don't show the same "personal touch" that you do with your magazine.

Janet M. Wainwright
Greenville



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Storms Offer Lesson For The Way We Live

Since we're focusing in this issue (pages 14-16) on the severe weather of the past winter—and the toll it has taken on the state's electric co-ops—I want to share a thought-provoking piece that was inspired by bad weather a few years ago.

It's an editorial from *The Charlotte Observer* titled, "A Lesson From the Snowstorms," which originally appeared on Jan. 15, 1982.

Jerry Shinn, the newspaper's editorial page editor, reprinted it in his personal column in February following one of this winter's major storms. Here's the piece:

As much as we may love the striking beauty of a snow-covered landscape, the winter storms that have brought this week's snow have an ominous dimension. The weather has been a factor in some terrible tragedies, and that diminishes our appreciation of snow as a lovely phenomenon and a setting for recreation.

But whether our own experience with snowy weather relates to good times or bad, there is a lesson in the changes, imposed by the weather these past few days, in the way we live.

A lot of people haven't gone to work for a couple of days because of the weather. A lot of meetings have been canceled. Trips have been postponed, plans have been changed. Some stores and other businesses have been closed. And despite all of that, the world still turns; our lives go on; and when normal activities resume, few of us will have been harmed or changed in any significant way by the interruption.

The point is that so many of those pressures that drive us, that give us heartburn and headaches and cause us to keep an anxious eye on the clock and calendar, aren't really as urgent as we tend to think they are.

That doesn't mean we ought to become irresponsible about meeting our responsibilities in timely fashion. But it suggests that many of us can probably afford to relax a little more than we do, and that we might benefit from understanding that neither the rest of the world nor our lives—and the lives of the people around us depend on uninterrupted superhuman effort on our part.

The snowstorm proves that a lot of people can take a few hours off, or even a few days, without serious consequences. That's worth remembering as we resume normal schedules.

Bad Weather Grants No "Time Out" For Linemen

Over the past several months, Old Man Winter has forced many Tar Heels to take an unscheduled "time out" of the sort the *Observer* mentioned—so much so, in fact, that I've heard some complaints about the "cabin fever" that can be part of it at times.

But, these are problems that rarely concern utility linemen, who often must battle the elements to keep vital electricity flowing during severe weather.

About 600 linemen work for the state's 28 Electric Membership Corporations and they're routinely called on to do just that—either at home or for other EMCs throughout

the state. And they do it with an admirable it-goes-with-the-territory attitude.

Their approach to such unpleasant work was cited in an article in a recent issue of the employee newsletter published by Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir.

"We all complain at times about certain tasks in our jobs we don't like," wrote Joyce Pressley, a secretary in the co-op's administrative division. "How much more complaining would we do if we were called out in the middle of the night to work in sub-zero temperatures, high winds, pouring rain, or with falling frozen timber to restore power? Our linemen do this on a routine basis."

The story quoted Bruce Drum, the EMC's operations supervisor in the Caldwell District, as saying he'd seen linemen work "14 straight days on storm trouble for a sister cooperative" only to face additional outage repair work when they returned home. And they did it without complaint, Drum said.

Pressley's article continued:

"Just like the 'old-time' doctor, our linemen have had to leave their families during Thanksgiving meals and early on Christmas morning to respond to a call. . . .

"Caldwell District Manager Charles Beck says, 'Blue Ridge linemen have a team spirit of which I am proud. Our men leave in a spirit to get the job done and they don't quit until it is completed.'"

The story concluded with a quote from Drum: "I have a special place in my heart for linemen. I know some of the things they deal with during routine work and in ice storms. . . . I feel they are the heart and soul of the cooperative, with the rest of us as support."

—Owen Bishop



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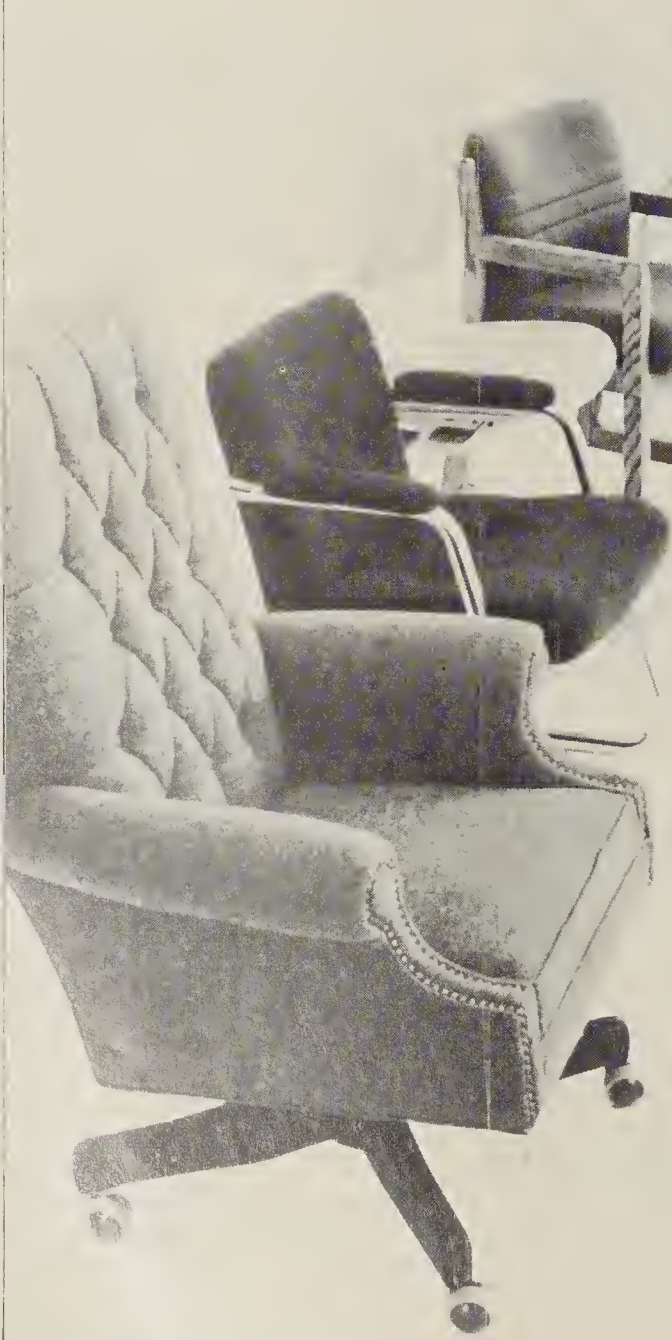
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